

# Navy Center for Innovation

## daily blog watch

Blogs relevant to naval operations/warfare, policy, and innovation are monitored for items of interest. Some items include a brief description. If you would like to recommend a blog site for inclusion, or want to be removed from the list please contact Mike Perron at: [robert.m.perron.ctr@navy.mil](mailto:robert.m.perron.ctr@navy.mil)

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1. **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:**

**MFP 8: The Future of Small-Nation Maritime Forces:** "What advice would you give to a smaller nation on the maritime investments it should pursue, and why? *This is the eighth in our series of posts from our Maritime Futures Project.*"

2. **INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:**

**USS Guardian Grounding:** "We are kind of late to the discussion, but it is slowly trending towards the nightmare scenario. The latest report is still valid, as today the Navy said the situation has not changed."

3. **SMALL WARS JOURNAL:**

**Firing Generals:** "To paraphrase Shakespeare: 'The first thing we do, let's fire all the generals.' This is the basic prescription of military journalist and writer Tom Ricks, who, in his new book, *The Generals*, blames our lack of success in Iraq and Afghanistan on the Joint Chiefs of Staff's and our political leaders' having lost the ability or willingness to fire failing generals."

4. **NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND:**

**Printing a More Agile, Flexible Fleet:** "The 3-D printed cheeseburger may still be a ways off, but a more agile, flexible and less predictable naval force could be just over the horizon."

5. **OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)**

**ABU MUQAWAMA:**

**Great Raids and Great Disasters:** "For every Neptune Spear, there are *many* Dieppes or Mogadishus. In the world of hostage rescue, the kind of confused mess seen in Algeria's gory retaking of its natural gas complex is more common than smooth operations like Entebbe or the GSG-9's expert performance at Lufthansa Flight 181."

**AOL DEFENSE:**

**'How Come No One's Calling' Marines, The 911 Force?:** "After 10 years in Iraq and Afghanistan, we have whole staffs that don't know how to employ the ARG/MEU team," Donovan said.

**From Paint To Littoral Combat Ships, Navy Scrambles To Save Dough:** "From standardizing paint schemes to buying fewer types of valves, the Navy is going all-out to save money as budgets tighten. This new emphasis on affordability goes beyond the usual mundane economies to a sea change in how the service develops new vessels and technologies, with the much-criticized Littoral Combat Ship as the high-stakes pilot project."

**BUSINESS INSIDER:**

**Japan And Philippines Try More Creative Diplomacy To Deal With China:** "Both Japan and the Philippines are attempting to engage China in new ways to settle sovereignty disputes in the South China Sea."

#### **THE DEW LINE:**

[DARPA's new prototype attack helicopter](#): "In this week's issue of Flight International, I wrote a feature about the Pentagon's plan to launch a prototype attack helicopter program in order to help preserve the US rotary-wing industrial base. Unfortunately, this country has not produced a successful clean-sheet military helicopter design since the 1970s. The Bell-Boeing V-22 Osprey doesn't count; it's not really a helicopter."

#### **EARLY WARNING:**

[America's Premier Crisis Response Capability](#): "The recent upsurge of Islamist violence in Libya, Mali and Algeria should put to rest any assertion that Al Qaeda is a spent force. Equally important, it underscores the value of agile, mobile and integrated response forces to deal with an unpredictable security environment."

#### **FOREIGN POLICY:**

[Building Blocks](#): "The obsession that is preventing a nuclear deal with Iran."

#### **GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE:**

[5 Ways Government Must Change To Be More Agile](#): "...the current hierarchical operating system needs something more to cope with the pace of change. He says the solution is a second operating system, 'devoted to the design and implementation of strategy that uses an agile, network-like structure and a very different set of processes.'"

#### **INNOVATION MANAGEMENT:**

[The Surprising Connection Between Simplification and Innovation](#): "By making tough choices in what to focus upon and what to ignore, we can simplify our challenges and decisions and see the path forward – and the creative opportunities in front of us – much more clearly. Limiting information is a key strategy to engaging the imagination, he points out."

#### **INTERCEPTS (Defense News):**

[Mighty ZUMWALT Is Coming Together](#): "The ZUMWALT will displace more than 15,600 tons full load, bigger than most World War II heavy cruisers. Eighty feet wide with a draft of more than 27 feet, the ship's turbine generators will produce 78 megawatts of power, one of the largest electrical loads ever put to sea."

#### **THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:**

[America: The Next Energy Superpower?](#): "The U.S. will likely surpass Russia and Saudi Arabia in 2013 as the largest liquids producer in the world (crude and biofuels) due to tight oil and biofuels growth...."

[Don't Scrap America's Ballistic Missile Submarines](#): "Last week, Bryan McGrath of Information Dissemination made a surprising argument about the U.S. Navy's boomer flotilla. McGrath argued that rather than spend a tremendous amount of money replacing the force (which will reach obsolescence by 2040), the U.S. should seek alternative deterrent options."

#### **TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:**

[Powering the Pacific "Pivot" With Leon and Chuck](#): "...the pivot is not just a redirection of attention toward Asia; it is a proclamation of a new form of warfare, Air-Sea Battle, to solve the problem of defeating China's presumed military ambitions in the Pacific with an assemblage of existing and new long-range, precision-strike weapons."

#### **WIRED MAGAZINE (OTHER):**

[This Tech Entrepreneur Is About to Launch the Blackwater of the High Seas](#): "Beware, pirates of Africa. You may have outlasted years of patrols from the world's navies. But now you'll have to contend with a dapper British investor who is seeking to privatize the fight against seafaring brigands."